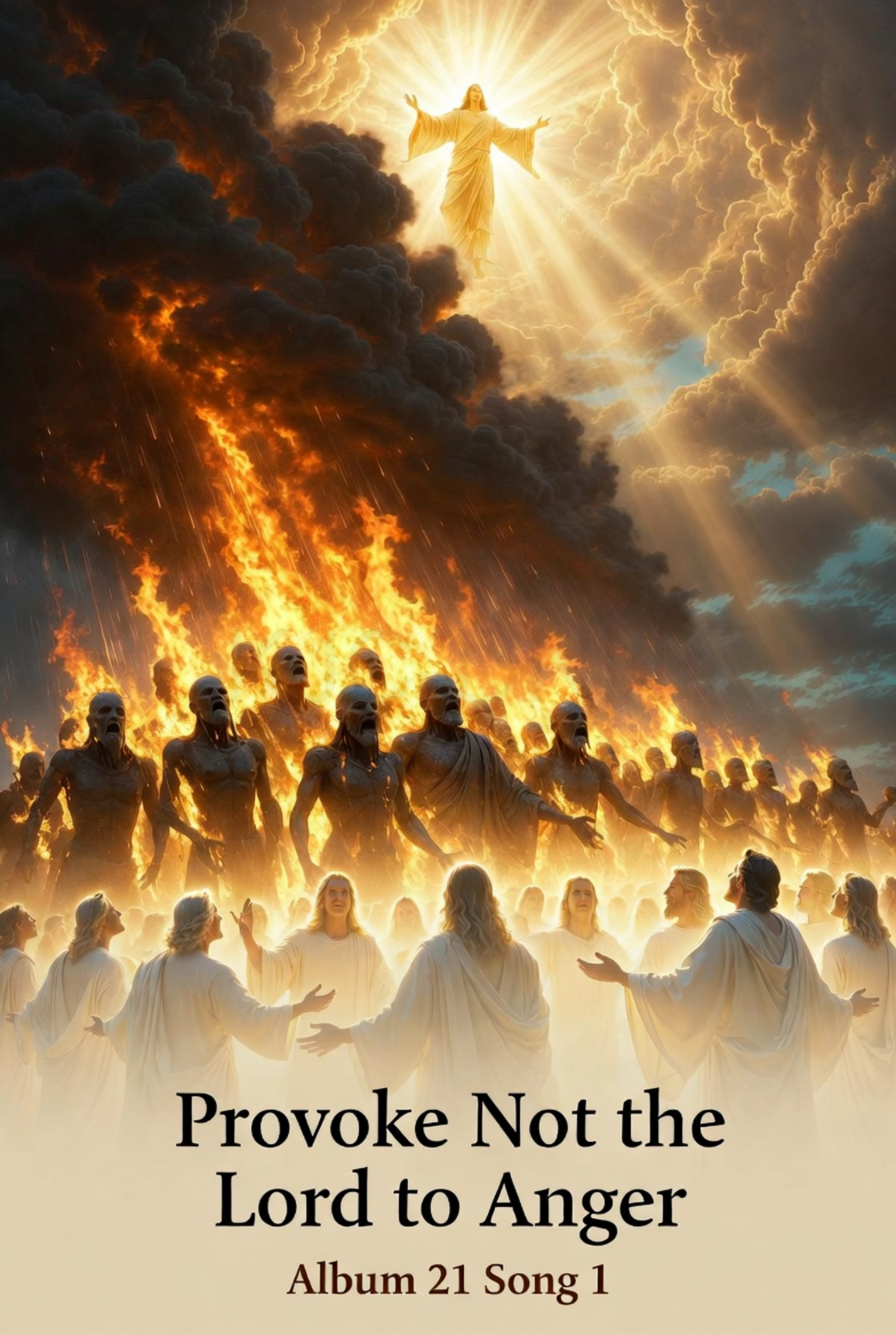




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Psalm 78 – Warning: do not provoke God with idolatry, forget His testimonies, or test Him. Leads to wrath, captivity, sword, fire. God is jealous for His people.

Provoke not the Lord to anger, test Him not in pride!
Reject not His testimonies, let not idols abide!
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With graven images, stir not His jealous fire inside!
Hearken to His voice, lest judgment fall!

If ye refuse to hearken, then shall the Lord wax hot,
And in His fierce indignation, your souls He shall allot.
He'll turn from His tabernacle, forsake His dwelling place,
Deliver you to sword and famine, in wrath's consuming race.
To enemies' devouring hand, your lives He shall expose.

If ye refuse to hearken, He'll send you into thrall,
To the oppressor's iron yoke, to nations' crushing call.
Your priests shall fall by sword in holy ground profane,
Your widows left to wander, in sorrow's endless chain.
No mercy for the fallen, no refuge from the pain.

If ye refuse to hearken, His wrath shall sweep as flood,
The remnant of His anger, like fire in wrathful blood.
He'll make your land a desolation, your cities waste and bare,
The sword shall drink its fill of blood, the vulture claim its share.

The cries of widows unanswered, the land in terror's snare.

If ye refuse to hearken, He'll turn your joy to gloom,
The fruitful womb to barren, the full to empty tomb.
Your daughters' cries for children, your sons for seed denied,
The fire of His fierce jealousy shall leave no hope inside.
No life from lifeless ashes, no future unallied.

If ye refuse to hearken, He'll call you forth to fight,
Your priests shall fall by sword before the morning light.
The altars stained with blood of those who served Him true,
Your widows left to weep alone, their vows forever through.
No seed to rise in vengeance, no heir to make it new.

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